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Press Release

U.S. Embassy supports presentation of jazz music at international event Festijazz 2005

The Embassy of the United States in Bolivia is sponsoring again this year the presentation of American jazz music at the International Jazz Festival of La Paz, Festijazz 2005, to be inaugurated Monday, September 5. A concert by the Youth Big Band and an exhibit entitled "Jazz Masters", both Embassy-sponsored activities, will inaugurate the Festival.

The exhibit will include pictures by photographer Bolivian Tony Suarez, as well as panels provided by the Embassy's Public Affairs Section, showcasing images and stories of great American jazz musicians.

The U.S. Embassy has participated each year in Festijazz since it was first created five years ago. In past years it brought internationally known American jazz artists, such as the Eric Byrd Trio, Marlon Simon and the Nahual Spirits, and Ellas & Amigos. This year the Embassy is sponsoring a Bolivian jazz ensemble, the Youth Big Band; these young musicians will play a repertoire of popular American jazz works, arranged for big band.

One of the goals of the U.S. Embassy is to bring jazz music to some new audiences beyond La Paz. Therefore, the Youth Big Band will perform at the Municipal Theater of El Alto, Ciudad Satélite (also in El Alto), the town of Coroico, located in the Yungas zone of the Department of La Paz, and at the Feria de las Flores in Mallasa, a neighborhood in the outskirts of the city of La Paz.

The American Embassy regularly organizes and supports cultural exchange events to foster mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of Bolivia.

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